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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. ALL CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS MEDIA HAVE GIVEN SECRETARY'S VISIT FEATURED AND EXTENSIVE COVERAGE. VISIT WAS LEAD ITEM ON JULY 9 EVENING TELEVISED NEWS AND COMMENTARY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FILM CLIPS OF SIGNING CEREMONY, MEETINGS WITH SVOBODA AND HUSAK, AND DEPARTURE FROM AIRPORT.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE ON VISIT WHICH APPEARS, ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOGRAPH, ON PAGES 1 AND 2 OF JULY 10 "RUDE PRAVO":/BEGIN TEXT (SUBHEAD): CONSULAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN CSSR AND USA SIGNED; (HEADLINE): CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVED W. ROGERS. SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY GUSTAV HUSAK AND PREMIER LUBOMIR STROUGAL RECEIVED ON MONDAY IN HRZANSKY PALACE IN PRAGUE THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILLIAM P. ROGERS, WHO IS ON A SHORT OFFICIAL VISIT IN THE CSSR. DURING THE TALK, WHICH WAS HELD IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, THERE WERE ASSESSED THE DEVELOPMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN RECENT TIMES AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF THEIR FURTHER EXPANSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND WITH THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS FOR FRUITFUL AND UNIVERSAL COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR SOCIAL SYSTEMS.

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THE MEETING CONTRIBUTED TO THE FURTHER DEEPENING OF PERSONAL

CONTACTS, AND WAS MARKED BY OPENNESS DURING THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND BY AN EFFORT ON BOTH SIDES FOR THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL, AND CULTURAL FIELDS AND FOR THE DOING AWAY WITH EXISTING BARRIERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL RELATIONS. PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC GENERAL OF THE ARMY LUDVIK SVOBODA RECEIVED MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USA WILLIAM P. ROGERS AT THE PRAGUE CASTLE ON MONDAY.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CSSR BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK AND CSSR AMBASSADOR IN THE USA DUSAN SPACIL, AND FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WALTER STOESSEL AND USA AMBASSADOR IN CSSR ALBERT W. SHERER ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR THE CSSR BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USA WILLIAM PIERCE ROGERS SIGNED A CONSULAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CSSR AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN DURING THE MORNING HOURS ON MONDAY. THE AGREEMENT, WHOSE SIGNING WAS ATTENDED BY LEADING WORKERS OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE USA IN THE CSSR ALBERT W. SHERER, AND OTHER PERSONALITIES, IS THE FIRST AGREEMENT OF ITS KIND REGULATING MUTUAL CONSULAR RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT STATES FURTHER THE POSITION OF CONSULATES GENERAL OF BOTH COUNTRIES, THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND IMMUNITIES OF CONSULAR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, THE MEANS OF PROTECTION ACCORDED CITIZENS OF THE CSSR AND USA IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND OTHER QUESTIONS.

"THE AGREEMENT ON CONSULAR RELATIONS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH HAS BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE CSSR AND THE USA SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR," MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CSSR BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK NOTED IN HIS SPEECH AFTER THE SIGNING.

MINISTER ROGERS NOTED THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS A SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USA AND CSSR, WHICH WOULD ELEVATE THEM TO A QUALITATIVELY HIGHER LEVEL IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED DISCUSSIONS MADE AT THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN HELSINKI.

"THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CSSR AND THE USA SOLVES THE PROBLEMS OF THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, SHIPS, AND AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE ASSUMING IMPORTANCE IN THE PRESENT STATE OF THE

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DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES," DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CSSR M. RUZEK EMPHASIZED AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE SIGNING. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CSSR BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK AND HIS WIFE OFFERED AN OFFICIAL LUNCHEON MONDAY AFTERNOON AT CERNIN PALACE IN PRAGUE IN HONOR OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILLIAM P. ROGERS AND HIS WIFE. FOLLOWING THE BRIEF OFFICIAL VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WILLIAM P. ROGERS AND HIS PARTY LEFT FOR HOME ON MONDAY AFTER
4 O'CLOCK P.M.

AT PRAGUE-RUZYNE AIRPORT HE WAS SEEN OFF BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE CSSR BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK AND OTHER LEADING WORKERS
OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CSSR.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE THE AMBASSADOR OF THE CSSR IN THE USA DUSAN
SPACIL, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE
CSSR ALBERT W. SHERER, AND MEMBERS OF THE PRAGUE DIPLOMATIC
CORPS.

AT THE DEPARTURE AT RUZYNE AIRPORT, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE CSSR BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BOTH
SIDES WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING TO A CONCLUSION TALKS
ON FURTHER OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS, WHICH TALKS SHOULD TAKE PLACE
DURING FURTHER MEETINGS OF BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED FOR
SEPTEMBER 10 OF THIS YEAR AND DURING FURTHER MEETINGS WHICH
WILL BE HELD IN THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER.

IN HIS ANSWER, MINISTER ROGERS STATED AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT
IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE CONSULATES WILL BE OPENED IN
CHICAGO AND IN BRATISLAVA. END TEXT.
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